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A. Amendments to the Specification:

- (1) Please add the following immediately after the title of the invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/PL03/00005, filed January 16, 2003, which claims the benefit of Polish Patent Application No. P-351784, filed January 21, 2002, the contents of which is incorporated by reference herein.

- (2) Please amend the section description "TECHNICAL FIELD" on page 1, as follows:

~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- (3) Immediately after the above-mentioned "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1, please add the following new paragraph, as follows:

1. Field of the Invention

- (4) Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the international application, which begins with "The invention relates to", as follows:

The present invention relates to a system for storing data and a method for recording data.

- (5) Please delete section description "BACKGROUND ART" on page 1, as follows:

~~BACKGROUND ART~~

- (6) Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to the second full paragraph

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on page 1 which begins with "Besides common file systems", as follows:

2. Brief Description of the Background of the Invention Including Prior Art

(7) Please amend the third full paragraph on page 1 which begins with "In the US Patent No. 6,303,183" as follows:

In the US Patent No. ~~6,303,183~~ 6,308,183, entitled "File management system and file management method capable of managing unoccupied blocks without the use of dummy data", a file management system capable of managing vacant blocks so that it is possible to optimize unoccupied areas in mass memory, is registered.

(8) Please amend the section description "DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION" on page 1, as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(9) Immediately prior the fifth paragraph on page 1, which begins with "According to the present invention", please add the following new paragraphs:

1. Purposes of the Invention

It is an object of this invention to provide a device and a method for economically storing data.

This and other objects and advantages of the present invention will become evident from the description, which follows.

2. Brief Description of the Invention

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(10) Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to the section header of "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS" on page 3, as follows:

The novel features which are considered as characteristic for the invention are set forth in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, both as to its construction and its method of operation, together with additional objects and advantages thereof, will be best understood from the following description of specific embodiments when read in connection with the accompanying drawings.

(11) Please amend the section description of "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS" on page 3, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(12) Please amend the section description "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" on page 4, as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION AND PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

(13) Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the last paragraph on page 8 which begins with "After the last record", as follows:

The preferred embodiments having been thus described, it will now be evident to those skilled in the art that further variations thereto may be contemplated. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the invention, the true scope of the invention being set forth in the claims appended hereto.